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1. SUMMARY: RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS AND OTHER PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROLS IN AUSTRIA. IN THE MAIN, PURPOSE OF SUCH CONTROLS IS TO HELP ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY TO DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES AT REASONABLE PRICES, TO PREVENT EARLY DEPLETION OF DOMESTIC RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES AND OF DOMESTIC STOCKS OF BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS ESPECIALLY AT TIMES WHEN WORLD PRICES EXCEED THOSE PREVAILING IN AUSTRIA. END SUMMARY.

2. LEGAL BASIS FOR EXPORT CONTROLS PROVIDED BY FOREIGN TRADE LAW OF 1968, AS AMENDED, LISTING COMMODITIES SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROLS. SEE VIENNA A-1034 OF MAY 14, 1968 FOR DETAILS.

3. SUBJECT LAW ALSO AUTHORIZES AUSTRIAN TRADE MINISTRY TO INTRODUCE LICENSING CONTROLS ON ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES NOT SPECIFIED BY LAW, PROVIDED THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE AUSTRIAN ECONOMY. SUCH EXTRA CONTROLS REQUIRE SPECIAL APPROVAL BY A COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT AND ARE TO BE LIFTED

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AS AND WHEN SITUATION PERMITS.

4. FOREIGN TRADE LEGISLATION FURTHER STIPULATES THAT ALL COMMODITIES OF NON-AUSTRIAN ORIGIN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT LISTED IN THE TRADE BILL, ARE SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROLS. SIMILAR CONTROLS ARE APPLICABLE TO EXPORTS OF USED GOODS FALLING WITHIN CHAPTERS 73 THROUGH 89 AND 93 OF BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE.

THESE CHAPTERS HEADED:

73-IRON AND STEEL, ARTICLES THEREOF;

74-COPPER, ARTICLES THEREOF;

75-NICKEL, ARTICLES THEREOF;

76-ALUMINUM, ARTICLES THEREOF;

77-MAGNESIUM AND BERYLLIUM, ARTICLES THEREOF;

78-LEAD, ARTICLES THEREOF;

79-ZINC, ARTICLES THEREOF;

80-TIN, ARTICLES THEREOF;

81-OTHER BASE METALS EMPLOYED IN METALLURGY, ARTICLES THEREOF;

82-TOOLS, IMPLEMENTS, CUTLERY, SPOONS AND FORKS OF BASE METALS, PARTS THEREOF;

83-MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF BASE METAL;

84-BOILERS, MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL APPLICANCES, PARTS THEREOF;

85-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, PARTS THEREOF;

86-ROLLING-STOCK, TRACK FIXTURE AND FITTINGS, NON-ELECTRIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OF ALL KINDS;

87-AUTOMOBILES, TRACTORS, MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES AND OTHER LAND VEHICLES;

88-AIRCRAFT

89-SHIPS AND BOATS; AND

93-ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

5. IN EVERY DAY PRACTICE, AUSTRIA APPLIES TWO DIFFERENT PROCEDURES IN CONTROLLING THOSE EXPORTS SUBJECT TO CONTROL, I.E. THE FORMAL LICENSING SYSTEM FOR MORE IMPORTANT GOODS, AND AN INFORMAL EXPORT LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR COMMODITIES CONSIDERED TO BE OF A LESSER SIGNIFICANCE TO THE AUSTRIAN ECONOMY. FOR COMMODITIES FALLING UNDER THE MORE RIGID LICENSING SYSTEM, EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A LICENSE REQUEST WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, AND ONLY UPON THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXPORT LICENSE ARE THEY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH INTENDED EXPORT SALE. FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPORTS OF COMMODITIES SUBJECT TO THE SIMPLIFIED LICENSING PROCEDURE, APPROVAL IS OBTAINABLE WITH MINIMUM OF FORMALITIES THROUGH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT BORDER STATIONS AT THE TIME OF EXPORTATION.

6. MORE IMPORTANT BASIC MATERIALS AND OTHER PRODUCTS REQUIRING FORMAL EXPORT LICENSES INCLUDE;
CRUDE OIL;

GASOLINE;
PETROLEUM;FUEL OILS;
MERCURY;
FISSILE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND ISOTOPES;
THOMAS MEAL;
SUPERPHOSPHATES;
CATTLE HIDES AND CALF SKINS;
FUEL WOOD, EXCLUDING SAW DUST;
WOOD IN THE ROUGH;
PIG IRON;
IRON AND STEEL SCRAP;
SEMI-FINISHED IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS SUCH AS INGOTS, BLOCKS,
BLOOMS, BILLETS AND SLABS;
IRON AND STEEL HOOP AND STRIP;
SHEETS AND PLATES OF IRON AND STEEL;
ALLOY STEEL AND HIGH CARBON STEEL IN VARIOUS FORMS;
TUBES AND PIPES, INCLUDING BLANKS, OF IRON AND STEEL;
COPPER MATTE, UNWROUGHT COPPER, COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP;
COPPER ALLOYS
BARS, RODS, ANGLES, SHAPES AND SECTIONS OF COPPER;
NICKEL AND MOST ARTICLES THEREOF;
CRUDE ALUMINUM, ALUMINUM WASTE AND SCRAP;
UNWROUGHT MAGNESIUM, MAGNESIUM WASTE AND SCRAP;
BERYLLIUM, ALL PRODUCTS;
UNWROUGHT LEAD, LEAD WASTE AND SCRAP;
TUNGSTEN, CRUDE AND PROCESSED;
MOLYBDENUM, CRUDE AND PROCESSED;
TANTALUM, CRUDE AND PROCESSED.

7. INFORMAL EXPORT LICENSES ARE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY BY CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS AT BORDER STATIONS FOR MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS SUCH AS:

UNROASTED IRON PYRITES;
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SLAG, DROSS, SCALINGS AND OTHER WASTE FROM THE MANUFACTURE
OF IRON AND STEEL;
PETROLEUM COKE;
SULPHURIC ACID AND OLEUM;
BORIC OXIDE AND BORIC ACID;
TITANIUM OXIDES;
POLYTETRAHALOETHYLENES, CRUDE AND PROCESSED;
NATURAL RUBBER LATEX;
SYNTHETIC RUBBER LATEX;
HIDES AND SKINS, OTHER THAN CATTLE HIDES AND CALF SKINS;
SHEEPS' AND LAMBS' WOOL;
DUST AND POWDER OF NATURAL OR SYNTHETIC PRECIOUS OR SEMI-
PRECIOUS STONES; ETC. HUMES

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